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Primitive Baptist

CORRESPONDING

Association

— Held With —

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Robertsonville, N. C.
Beginning October 10,

1952

— OFFICERS —

ELDER B. B. EXUM - Moderator
ELDER H. G. GARDARD - Assistant Moderator
ELDER S. A. SHORT - Clerk
ELDER J. A. CHERRY - Assistant Clerk
BROTHER WILLIAM SHEPHARD - Treasurer

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Proceedings

OCTOBER 10, 1952.

The Moderator rose and read for a lesson the 23rd Psalm, sang hymn 353. A prayer was offered by Elder C. W. Powell. Then the Moderator rose and introduced Elder H. G. Gardner to preach the introductory sermon. He sang hymn 490 and preached from Acts 3. The Moderator preached as alternate, from the 23rd Psalm. Recessed for one hour.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION, October 10, 1952.

The Association reassembled with the Moderator present, who opened the session by singing hymn 141. Prayer was given by Elder Warren Cooper. After prayer, Moderator declared that conference was opened for transaction of business.

It was moved and agreed that Elder B. B. Exum be the Moderator of the Corresponding Association for the year 1953. Elder H. G. Gardner was appointed assistant, Elder S. A. Short was appointed for Clerk and Brother William Shephard as Treasurer.

It was moved and agreed that we would invite our Corresponding delegates and brethren to sit with us to take a part in our conference and feel themselves at home. It was moved and agreed that the roll of the churches would be called. All were present.

It was moved and agreed that a committee of three be appointed to arrange for preaching from day to day. The Moderator appointed Elder H. G. Gardner, Bro. A. A. Grant and Bro. Elex Exum. The Committee appointed Bro. William Shepherd, Elder C. W. Powell, and Elder Russell Callian. It was moved and agreed that the report of the Committee be received and discharged. Moved and agreed that Elder C. W. Powell record the texts at the stand. Moved and agreed that our delegates whom we correspond with make their report.

Radicue by Elder Warren Cooper, all in peace and love, hoping our correspondence would continue. Elder Warren Cooper, Mod., Elder Johnny Morning, Ass't. Next session to set at Spring Green Church, Friday before the first Sunday in October, on highway 64, 5 miles from Rocky Mount.

Union Line by Brother Frank Gibbs, all in peace and love. Elder David Bynum, Mod.; next session Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1953.

Loving, by Elder A. H. Humphrey, all in peace and love; next session at Forest Grove, Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1953, on highway 17, Eld. A. H. Humphrey, Mod.

Bethlehem by Elder Willis Ellison, all in peace and love; Elder J. H. Winston, Mod.; next session Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1953. Elder J. R. Dancey, Ass't Mod.

Contentnea, by Elder Johnny Bund, all in peace and love; Robert Revis, Mod.; next session at Fremont, Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1952.

Cooper Grove by Elder James Ridley, all in peace and love. Elder C. C. Alston, Mod.; next session will be at Burlington, Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1953.

Chestnut Knob, by Elder James Penn, all in peace and love; next session Friday before second Sunday in August, 1953; come to Martinsville, Va. Elder Davie Reynolds, Mod.

Old School Roanoke, by Elder James Wilson, all in peace and love. Elder W. B. Breedlove, Mod.; next session at Belove Crossing on highway 58, Friday before 4th Sunday in July.

Long Branch by Elder Frank Bell, all in peace and love; Elder James Diggins, Mod.; next session at Tarboro, Friday before the third Sunday.

Little River, represented by letter and minutes, Elder James Stewart, Mod.

Cub Run, by Elder Duncan, all in peace and love; next session was set at Old Cub Run Church at Washington, D. C., Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1953.

It was moved and agreed that the delegates would be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship with a file of minutes.

It was moved and second to take up unfinished, None.

Moved and agreed that petitionary letters be called for. Brother Dickens from the Long Branch Association asked the Corresponding Association to lend them Elder Frank Bell for the next twelve months. It was moved and agreed that the Association lend Elder Frank Bell to Long Branch for the next twelve months.

Moved and agreed if no other business, conference would close until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The conference was adjourned by singing hymn 605. Benediction by Elder Warren Cooper.

ELDER B. B. EXUM, Moderator
ELDER H. G. GARDNER, Assistant
ELDER S. A. SHORT, Clerk
ELDER J. A. CHERRY, Assistant
BRO. WILLIAM SHEPHERD, Tresurer

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, Oct. 11, 1952.

The Association assembled with the Moderator presenting a lesson from John 14, prayer by Elder James Wilson. The Moderator declared the conference open.

Moved and agreed that our delegates take part in conference and feel themselves at home. It was moved and agreed that the roll of churches be called, all were present. Moved and agreed that the names of the delegates be called. Moved and agreed that we read the Friday Evening Session; moved and agreed the same be received and adopted.

Moved and agreed that the Committee on Arrangements make its report. They appointed first, Elder James Reid, second Elder Frank Bell, third, Elder Joe Taylor.

Moved and agreed to take up unfinshed business. None. Moved and agreed to see where the next Association would be held. Mt. Moriah and Enes called for it. It was moved and agreed that our next Association be held at Mt. Moriah, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1953, one mile from Leggets, N. C.

Elder H. G. Gardner preach the Introductory. Elder Russell Callian, alternate. Moved and agreed we would get our delegate to visit our corresponding Associations.

Elder D. S. Moton: Sandy Ridge, 1952
Elder Russel Callion: Long Branch, 1952
Elder C. W. Powell: Contentnea, 1952
Elder Russell Callion: Cub Run, 1953
Elder H. G. Gardner: Old School Roanoke, 1953
Elder B. B. Exum: Chestnut Knob, 1953

Elder C. W. Powell: Cooper Grove, 1953
Bro. Joe Taylor: Lovely, 1953
Elder B. B. Exum: Radicue, 1953
Elder J. A. Cherry: Union Line 1953
Brother Moses Carr: Bethlehem 1953

Moved and agreed that the Corresponding letter be read.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To whom it may concern:

This is the beginning of our Sixty-ninth Annual Session of the Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association.

Dear Brethren, The Lord has blessed us one more time from all parts of the moral vineyard. We are thankful to our heavenly father for preserving our lives.

Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty which Christ has made us free in. Let us serve God with godly fear and pray that the word of God have its free course and all we do may be done to the glory of God.

ELDER C. W. POWELL

It was moved and agreed that the Circular Letter be read.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

For some reason I was chosen at the last Association, held on the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1952 to write the Circular Letter.

Dear Brethren, The Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, south, east and west. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for preserving our lives. Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace.

Yours truly,

ELDER RUSSEL CALLIAN

It was agreed that Elder D. S. Moton would write the Corresponding Letter for 1953. It was moved and agreed that Elder J. O. Cherry write the Circular Letter for 1953. Moved and

agreed that we give our delegates and brethren space. They made good remarks. Moved and agreed that if there is no other business we adjourn until two o'clock.

Adjourned by singing hymn 631. Benediction by Elder J. A. Cherry.

ELDER B. B. EXUM, Moderator
ELDER H. G. GARDNER, Assistant
ELDER S. A. SHORT, Clerk
ELDER J. A. CHERRY, Assistant Clerk
BRO. WILLIAM SHEPHARD, Treasurer

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

After a recess of about one hour all met to renew the conference.

The conference was opened by singing hymn 490; prayer by Elder A. H. Humphrey. Moved and agreed that the roll of churches be called. All present. Moved and agreed that the names of the delegates be called. All present. Moved and agreed that the Saturday morning minutes be read. Moved and agreed that the minutes be received.

Moved and agreed that the Committee on Arrangements make their report. The first Elder Eames Penn, second, Elder Willie Ellison, third, Elder James Wilson, fourth, Elder Warren Cooper. Moved and agreed the report be received. Moved and agreed the report of the Association take up its dues.

Hickory Grove	$28.00	St. Matthew	8.00
Jenkins Chapel	10.00	Jones Chapel	1.00
Enes Church	22.00	Piney Grove	1.00
Post Oak Grove	11.00	Mt. Carmen	16.00
Mt. Moriah	8.00	Olive Branch	3.00
Peter Swamp	4.00	Zion Grove	7.00
Mt. Ramon	1.00	Chestnut Grove	.50
St. John	23.00	St. Paul	8.00

Moved and agreed that the financial committee would make their report. They report $161.50 received in this Association.

Moved and agreed that the money in the treasury be counted.

In the treasury	$27.50	
Received from 16 churches	161.50	
Received from penny collection	122.32	
Total		$311.32

Moved and agreed that the Finance Committee keep a record of all money received and paid out. Moved and agreed that the Association have 500 copies of our Minutes printed. Moved and agreed for the Association to pay off its debts.

Received in August from 16 churches	$58.50
Received in the Association	161.50
Found in the treasury	27.50
Penny collection	122.50
Total	$370.00
Expenses were	$287.80
Left in the treasury	82.20

Moved and agreed, there being no other business, the conference be adjourned until Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1953. The conference was closed by singing hymn 506. Dismissed by Elder James Wilson.

ELDER B. B. EXUM, Moderator,
ELDER H. G. GARDARD, Ass't Mod.,
ELDER S. A. SHORT, Clerk,
ELDER J. A. CHERRY, Ass't Cler,
BRO. Wm. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

FRIDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE (At the stand).

Brother George Wembley opened the meeting, singing hymn 141, and then he led us in prayer. Brother W. J. Shepherd sang hymn 533, and preached from John 14. Elder C. W. Powell sang hymn 606, and chose for his text Jer. 6:16. Elder Russell Collian sang hymn No. 3, and preached from Eph. 1:4. The Moderator closed by singing hymn 689. Dismissed by Elder Warren Cooper.

SATURDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE.

Session was opened by singing hymn 393. A prayer was given by Brother Roscoe Cleman. Elder James Reid sang hymn 689, and chose for a text Psalms 139:69. Elder Frank Bell

sang hymn 433, and chose for his text John 14:1. Elder Joe Taylor sang hymn 76, and chose for his text John 15:1. The Moderator sang hymn 506, and dismissed.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PREACHING SERVICE.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn 93. A prayer was given by Brother David Mayo. Elder James Penn sang hymn 689 and chose for his text John 14:1. Elder Willie Ellis sang hymn 153 and chose for his text Gen. 22:1. Elder James Wilson sang hymn 530 and chose for his text Isa. 67:1. Elder Warren Cooper sang hymn 360, and chose for his text Gen. 22:1. Elder D. S. Moton sang hymn 212. Dismissed by Elder D. S. Moton.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE.

The Saturday night session was opened by singing hymn 356. Prayer was led by Brother Joeby Jones. Then the Moderator introduced Elder Frank Gibbs and he chose for his text John 3:1. Elder James Ridley chose for his text John 11. Elder G. Duncan sang hymn 188, and chose for his text Peter 2:2. Elder A. H. Humphrey sang hymn 490 and chose for his text John 9. Elder Johnny Morning sang hymn 91 and chose for his text "Who hath saved us and called us." Elder S. A. Short sang hymn 690 and then the Moderator dismissed the session.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator sang hymn 433. Prayer was led by Elder J. A. Cherry. The Moderator read for the opening Matt. 12. Then the Moderator introduced Brother Frank Gibbs. Brother Gibbs sang hymn 631 and preached on no special text. Elder Frank Penn sang hymn 617 and chose for his text John 14. Elder G. Duncan sang hymn 618 ad chose for his text Isa. 2. Elder Joney Bunch chose for his text John 3. Elder Willie Ellis sang hymn 393 and chose for his text 2 Kings. Elder A. H. Humphrey sang hymn 73 and chose for his text John 15. Elder James Wilson sang hymn 188 and chose for his text Isa. 2. Elder Warren Cooper sang hymn 631 and chose for his

text "Who will go? Send me and I will go." Elder J. A. Cherry preached from John 14:1. The Moderator bore witness with the foregoing Elders, and thanked the community for helping the Association. We closed by singing hymn 618.

Benediction by the Moderator, Elder B. B. Exum.

ELDER B. B. EXUM, Moderator,
ELDER H. G. GARDNER, Ass't Mod.,
ELDER S. A. SHORT, Clerk,
BRO. Wm. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.
ELDER J. A. CHERRY, Ass't Clerk,

CHURCHES AND THEIR DEACONS

Hickory Grove: Brothers Walter Hassel and Abraham Clemens.
Jenkins Chapel: Brother Claude Jones, and Charlie Nelson.
Enes: Brother William Perkins.
Post Oak: Brother Claude Jones.
Piney Grove: Sister Callie Paige, Parmelie, N. C.
Mt. Rhemon: Brother Walter Hassell.
St. John: Brothers William and Isaiah Perkins, J. Roberson.
Mt. Moriah: Elder Exum and Brother James Jones.
Peter Swamp: Brother W. B. Douglas.
Jones Chapel: Sister Octavus Council, Bethel, N. C.
St. Paul: Brother Willie Carraway.
St. Matthew: Brother Walter Hassell.
Mt. Carmel: Brother A. A. Grant and Brother Lucas.
Olive Branch: Brother John Langley.
Chestnut Grove:
Zion Grove: Brother C. Collian.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Hickory Grove: Sister Ophelia Hassell, Rt. 2, Box 287, Williamston.
Jenkins Chapel: Sister Callie Paige, Parmelie, N. C.
Enes: Sister Ada Short, Bethel, N. C.
Post Oak: Sister Lelia Spruill, Robersonville, N. C.
Mt. Moriah: Brother James Jones, Tarboro, N. C.
St. John: Sister Magaline Perkins, Williamston, N. C.
Piney Grove: Cister Calie Palige, Parmeie, N. C.
Mt. Rhemon: Sister Chelise C. Gardner, Washington, N. C.
Peter Swamp: Sister Chelise C. Gardner, Washington, N. C.
St. Paul: Sister Ethel Spruill, Williamston, N. C.
St. Matthew: Sister Charlotte Gardner, Washington, N. C.
Jones Chapel: Sister Octavus Couicil, Bethel, N. C.
Mt. Carmel: Brother A. A. Grant, Rt. 1, Gainesville, Va.
Olive Branch: Sister Sarah Langley, Pactolius.
Zion Grove: Sister Ethel Colian, Robersonville, N. C.
Chestnut Grove:

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder J. A. Cherry, 19 Little St., Williamston, N. C.
Elder H. G. Gardner, Washington, N. C.
Elder B. B. Exum, Whitakers, N. C.
Elder D. S. Moton, Washington, D. C.
Elder S. A. Short, Bethel, N. C.
Elder F. B. Bell, Oak City, N. C.
Elder Charlie Powell, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Simon Sherrod, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder James Reid, Washington, D. C.
Elder Pete Bell, Williamston, N. C.
Elder Russel Callian, Robersonville, N. C.
Elder Henry Spruill, Parmelie, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Brother Mose Carr, Parmelie, N. C.
Brother Joe Taylor, Greenville, N. C.
Brother William Brown, Parmelie, N. C.
Brother William Shepherd. Williamston, N. C.

DELEGATES

Elder Warren Cooper.
Elder J. H. Humphrey.
Elder Joney Bunch.
Elder James Wilson.
Elder Willie Ellison.
Elder James Penn.
Elder James Ridley.
Brother James Gibbs.
Elder G. Duncan.
Elder Frank Bell.
Little River: By letter & minutes.

VISITORS

Elder Joe Taylor.
Elder Julian Bess.
Elder Eurice Parker.
Elder Joney Morning.
Elder Zena Spell.
Brother George Wembley.
Brother Joeby Jones.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND THEIR ADDRESES

Hickory Grove: Elder H. G. Gardner, Pastor, Rt. 3, Box 175, Washington, N. .
Mt. Moriah: Elder B. B. Exum, Pastor, Rt. 4, Whitakers, N. C.
Enes: Elder S. A. Short, Pastor, Bethel, N. C.
Post Oak: Elder B. B. Exum, Pastor, Whitakers, N. C.
Jenkins Chapel: Elder B. B. Exum, Pastor.
St. John: Russell Callian, Pastor, Robersonville, N. .
Piney Grove: Elder C. W. Powell, Tarboro, N. C.
Mt. Rhemon: Elder H. G. Gardner, Washington, N. C.
Peter Swamp: Elder Gardner, Washington, N. C.
St. Matthew: Elder H. G. Gardner, Washington, N. C.
Jones Chapel: Elder J. A. Cherry, Williamston, N. C.
Mt. Carmel: Eled D. S. Moton, Washington D. S.
Olive Branch: Elder B. B. Exum, Whitakers, N. C.
Chestnut Grove:
Zion Grove: Elder Russell Callian, Robersonville, N. C.

QUARTERLY MEETING DAYS

Hickory Grove: First Saturday and Sundany in February, May, August, November.
Jenkins Chapel: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Enes: Third Saturday and Sunday in March, June, September, Dec.
Post Oak: Second Saturday and Sunday in February, May, Aug., Nov.
Mt. Moriah: First Saturday and Sunday in Marchruary,May,Aug.yinFeb
Peter Swamp: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
Mt. Rhemon: Second Saturday and Sunday in March, June, Sept., Dec.
St. John: Second Saturday and Sunday i March, June, Sept., December.
St. Matthews: Third Saturday and Sunday in Jan., April, July, Oct.
St. Paul: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in Jan., April, July, October.
Jones Chapel: Third Saturday and Sunday in Jan., April, July, Oct.
Piney Grove: Second Saturday and Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
Mt Carmel: Second Saturday and Sunday in March, June, Sept., Dec.
Olive Branch: Third Saturday and Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
Chestnut Grove:
Zion Grove: First Saturday and Sunday in Jan., April, July, October.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

4. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

5. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, particular election.

6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

8. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Super and washing the saints' feet are ordinances and the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly ordained by the presbytery.

ELDER B. B. EXUM, Moderator,
ELDER H. G. GARDNER, Ass't Moderator,
ELDER S. A. SHORT, Clerk,
ELDER J. A. CHERRY, Ass't. Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. Each church agrees to hold conference once a month.
2. The Moderator and Clerk should be chosen by the majority of the delegates present.
3. Conference shall be opened by praise and prayer.
4. The doors of the church shall be opened for reception of members to fellowship.
5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.
6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.
7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases.
8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon .
9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such member shall be dealt with according to the gospel order.
10. We agreed to commune four times a year when all is well.
11. We agree to wash feet once a year at any church.
12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.
13. If any member becomes dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then be restored.
14. If any member shall wilfully absent himself from communion, he shall make his reason known to the church of God.
15. If any member violates any of these rules, he shall be brought to trial. He must be tried first by his own church.
16. If any minister, deacon, or Clerk transgress these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.
17. We agree not to commune with any persons unless they are baptized in our faith and order.
18. We agree to commune with Predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.
19. If any member sees another transgressing the rules of the church and does not bring it to the church after applying the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, they are liable to be tried before the church themselvse. Each church shall have a Moderator and be governed by the voice of the church.
20. No ordination shall be done only in a Union or an Association.
21. No traffic or trade shall be nearer than 150 yards of the church grounds.
22. No minister or members shall have a right to carry any of the Corresponding Association property to any Association.
23. No members who have been withdrawn from fellowship will be allowed to come into the Association. He first shall get right at his own church.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Conf. of Faith	Membership	Contribution
Hickory Grove	Brother Walter Hassell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	$28.00
Jenkins Chapel	Brother Claude Jones	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	10.00
Enes	Brother William Perkins	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	17	22.00
Post Oak	Brother Claude Jones	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	11.00
Mt. Moriah	Brother Ernest Exum	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	8	8.00
Peter Swamp	Brother Abraham Clemons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4.00
Mt. Rhemon	Brother John Langley	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1.00
St. John	Brother Isaiah Perkins	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	19	23.00
St. Matthew	Brother Clemons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	8.00
St. Paul	Brother Clemons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	8.00
Jones Chapel	Brother John Cherry	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	11.00
Piney Grove	Brother William Shepherd	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1.00
Mt. Carmel	Brother A. A. Grant	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	9	16.00
Olive Branch	Brother John Langley	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3.00
Chestnut Grove		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.50
Zion Grove	Brother C. Callian	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	7	7.00